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WHO KNOWS - AND WHAT

among Authorities-Experts-and the Specially Informed

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My dear Sir:

You are among those selected by our Editors for inclusion in the initial publication

- in the forthcoming Volume II WHO KNOWS - AND WHAT - AMONG AUTHORITIES, EXPERTS AND THE SPECIALLY INFORMED, the new reference-shelf companion to WHO'S WHO that has so successfully introduced from-subject-to-knower referral (the accompanying commendatory comment is typical) -

of the ROSTER OF SELECTED GENERAL AUTHORITIES they have been assembling, following preparatory surveys under criteria suggested by a volunteer group of advisors.

Our Editorial Board undertook aggressive research on a new and basic reference idea just before World War II. This revolutionary approach is reference from subject to knower. We expended over \$125,000 reducing it to practice; created unique locator-keys which so effectively meet the unusual indexing problem that we are considering filing a patent application. The Board then authorized publication of Volume I WHO KNOWS - AND WHAT, an exploratory application to 32,000 subjects - purposely extremely heterogeneous. The interest this volume attracted is unparalleled in our half century and more of reference work publishing . . the enclosed reports from actual users to which I have just directed your attention will indicate its keenness to you . . and Volume II WHO KNOWS - AND WHAT was, accordingly, put into compilation.

This new reference method is now to be applied, in Volume II WHO KNOWS - AND WHAT, to those selected as ranking general authorities, in the main and initially, in respect to the humanities and selected sciences.

You, and those others also selected for entry in the ROSTER OF SELECTED GENERAL AUTHORITIES, will hereafter be included in both WHO'S WHO and WHO KNOWS - AND WHAT. The ROSTER itself will be published in the latter.

Sketches published in WHO'S WHO will, as heretofore, be complete as to biographical essentials if the necessary data have been made available; those appearing in WHO KNOWS - AND WHAT will of course emphasize career information. In WHO KNOWS - AND WHAT the locator-keys assigned to the listing sections of the ROSTER will provide from-subject-to-knower reference - the customary "by name" reference to any career data published will remain unimpaired.

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Responsive to the above, and the Editors' selection of you as a general authority, I enclose a special Roster Entry Sheet.

Return of it - in the accompanying no-postage-required and specially self-addressed envelope - will be appreciated.

This cooperation should, I am sure, prove to be in your interest as well as ours - on the score of accurate publication - for unless they have guidance from you, the

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compilers must necessarily list according to their best judgment. As new editions of both WHO'S WHO and WHO KNOWS - AND WHAT are being prepared, all convenient promptness will be helpful.

Pasted to the form is a proof taken from the type last used for your WHO'S WHO sketch. This is for checking convenience only; and naturally does not contain revision suggestions received since this type was on the press - they are however to hand in your file here for use for the next WHO'S WHO. Any sketch of you that has appeared in WHO KNOWS - AND WHAT is of course in the compilers' files earmarked for matching up, before the new Edition of that work issues, with the enclosed Roster Entry Sheet when returned by you. If no career sketch of you has yet been published in WHO KNOWS - AND WHAT you will be sent a manuscript for scrutiny before any publication occurs.

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I believe you'll agree it logical to assume you will in all probability desire to have available in your library subject-to-knower reference, and especially the first printing in Volume II WHO KNOWS - AND WHAT of the ROSTER OF SELECTED GENERAL AUTHORITIES listing you.

Therefore I find satisfaction in being able to attach a special form which will not only assure you delivery on publication - if you have not already placed a booking - but as well obtain for you the considerable (25%) discount restricted to its biographees.

This is the subscription preference we customarily extend to biographees in return for editorial cooperation such as this letter requests. You are welcome indeed to take advantage of the discount it affords, provided only that the Roster Entry Sheet accompanies it - the postpaid return envelope may be used for both if you like. Since, under present emergency production conditions, it is not practicable to stock our larger, and frequently revised, works, press runs "for the duration" will be held closely to bookings in hand before publication, and the known requirements of reference centers - thus the assurance of delivery is of itself a priority that is now well worth while.

With thanks in anticipation of your cooperation in this first application of from-subject-to-knower reference to those our surveys singled out as general authorities, I am

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Three Enclosures

Yours very truly,

Wheeler Sammons

Wheeler Sammons, Publisher.

As a check on the coverage of our surveys, won't you please jot down on the Roster Entry Sheet, before mailing it back, those you personally consider preeminent general authorities? An appropriate record will be made of those most frequently so mentioned. Again, thanks.

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Sept 23, 1954

Charles E. Jones
90 Main Street
Westfield, Mass.

Admiral R. W. BATES, USN
U. S. Naval War College
U. S. Naval Base
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates,

I haven't written sooner because being a white hat I didn't feel that it was my place to do so.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in aiding in my transfer a few years ago. My orders came through assigning me to ComPhibPac and a few days later were cancelled by dispatch and re-assigning me to ComPhibLant. I was then assigned to the Staff of Commander Transport Control Division Twenty Three of which Captain R. B. Allen was Commander. During the Midshipmen exercises, I was transferred, on TAD, to the Staff of ComPhibTraLant and assigned to the Public Information and Intelligence Office of which Commander W. Leroy Luke was in charge.

I am presently employed by the Fruehauf Trailer Company and am scheduling trailers for production here at the Westfield Branch. I enjoy my work very much and hope to for some time to come.

While at Newport I passed the General Educational Development Test, high school level. When I was discharged, I wrote the State Department of Education, Massachusetts, and they informed me that in order to receive a high school diploma, I must complete three subjects. I am presently taking a correspondence course in English. Although I'm finding it very difficult to get into the swing of studying, I'm trying.

Even though I have a good job and living fairly well, at times I long for the Navy life. Until two or three months after my discharge, I never realized just how much security and opportunity the Navy had to offer.

My younger brother will graduate from high school next June and he too wants to join the Navy. I'm all for his doing so but he is quite an intelligent lad and I for one would like to see him go beyond being a white hat.

Before closing I would like to say that I am thankful for having had the opportunity to serve under you just as anyone who has done so must feel.

I sincerely hope you are enjoying excellent health and your analyses progressing rapidly and smoothly.

Very respectfully,


Charles E. Jones

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September 28, 1954

Admiral R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, R. I.

Dear Admiral Bates:

This is to acknowledge your letter
of September 13th.

We are extremely grateful to you
for taking the trouble of pointing out the opera-
tional defects in the watch returned.

This particular wrist alarm is man-
ufactured for us by a source in Switzerland and
unfortunately we have not had an entirely satis-
factory experience with all the watches imported
from this source.

We regret that your watch was
defective and we are replacing it under separate
cover.

We do hope that your experience with
the replacement will be satisfactory, and if not,
please do not fail to notify me personally and
I shall again take whatever corrective actions
may be necessary.


Very truly yours,

Harold N. Grey
Harold N. Grey
Vice President

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Dear Commodore Bates -

I have just taken on a research project for our new School Quarterly, that is, the task of preparing a paper on the subject, "Control of Alien Ships in American Ports". My thoughts immediately go to the War College as a source for valuable reading suggestions. At the present time I am researching the United States Code to learn wherein is statutory regulation. The rough draft  must be ready by 18 October as the paper is to be published in the Fall issue of the Quarterly. The problem is limited to non-military ships, control in peacetime, and "Ports" as used in the most limited sense. My feeling about the topic is that the important aspect is that of security. Have you any suggestions as to pertinent articles, books, attitudes, what would be the War College's reaction to the subject, or any other advice that could be of help to me in the next few weeks? I would so appreciate hearing your thoughts.

George Hughes is operating from Atlantic

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City in a foul weather - night fighter squadron & is
excited to be ordered to his first command, that
of Detachment 501. He gets home most week-ends.

We are still expecting you to visit "our"
farm down here one of these days. It is really a
superior spot.

With warm regards -

Respectfully,

Don Hughes

"The Garden Lodge"
Princeton
28 September, 1954



Nassau Hall, 1754 - Oldest building of Princeton University

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ComServRon TWO
c/o FPO Branch
Norfolk, Va.
September 29, 1954

Dear Commodore:

Thank you very much for your informative letter. It appears that the MWC 014 alumnus are doing quite well -- I was especially happy to note Paul Hartman's promotion. Perhaps the good luck or affluence gained under your tutelage will continue until I come under the guns. Of course, I was a bit miffed that they didnt pick me up this time! After all, they reached all the way down to '29 to select Persons for Rear Admiral and it wouldnt hurt to reach in another year to '38 to pick me up for Captain.

The two hurricanes had us quite concerned, But fortunately our house in Middletown stood up well and received but minor damage. For a while, it appeared that EDNA would add insult to the injury of CAROL, but instead she struck Maine. Irene had already left Maine and was here, neatly avoiding both hurricanes. I imagine that Room 014 -- auxiliary storm cellar -- was quite popular on 31Aug-1 Sept. Incidentally, did the War College receive any damage? My tenants sent me a number of newspaper clippings and from those I gathered that the wind was quite strong and the water high. I have a great respect for the force of hurricanes, typhoons, et al.

I have succeeded in getting settled with my family. We found very suitable quarters and are quite happy with them. My wife, however, since she spent the summer in Maine, is quite unhappy with the weather here which continues to be beastly hot, and wishes she were in Newport again -- hurricanes and all.

So far this new job has been mostly administrative and I havent had any difficulty with that. We are preparing for LANTFLEX 1-55 in the middle of October in which we will be the Replenishment Group Commander. As a Logistician, I am learning fast but I am supported with a well seasoned staff which helps considerably. I feel that by the time my tenure of two years will be completed, I will know the difference between long gross tons and short net tons -- at least I will know that there is a difference! Like everything else, I am giving it the old Marine try.

By this time, I can visualize that the shop and its new members have settled down to the usual productiveness and industry for which it is notorious. I have conjectured many times as to which point you would take up the Battle for Leyte Gulf upon your return from leave. Did you return to my work? I hope the diagrams had been corrected in the manner which I had indicated prior to my departure. Trembath was the lead-man on that. It all seems so far away now, for along with house-hunting, taking over, learning my new job, and working at it, I have been busier than the proverbial one-armed paper hanger with eczema.

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Captain Southwick was not particularly happy with his new job, for he expected to go to some remote point, like Puerto Rico, and await his retirement at leisure. However, this assignment, in my opinion, was a wise choice on the part of BuPers, because he is about the most well versed officer on the practical aspects of underway replenishment that I know, and heaven knows, that they need practical experience in all of our planning divisions. He appreciated your remembrance and, in turn, sends his respects and best regards.

I will always be very interested in the work you are doing and will appreciate hearing from you at any time. Please relay my best regards to everyone in the shop. I remain

Respectfully yours,

Charlie Marinde

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Sept. 30, 1954

My dear Admiral:

It has been several months since we have heard from you, and frankly I am concerned lest your health not be so it should, hence this note. We all hope that you are well and enjoying life as usual.

Janet is most happy in her married life. She is teaching school in Los Angeles. While her husband is finishing medical school. We see them several times a week. - they are very fond of Fay's cooking!

I am still taking some courses at UC, and looking forward to the time when I will complete my studies there, have entered the Real Estate business in Manhattan Beach. I believe that

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it will be most interesting. of course
I can always quit!

Fay & I are planning on visiting
George & Helen next spring
preferably during Mardi Gras.
It will be a welcome break
as, except for a few trips to
San Francisco we have stayed
fairly close to home.

Again hoping that you are
enjoying good health and passing
on to the youngsters your
experiences and knowledge of
over forty years service.

Fay joins me in wishing
you the best always.
Joe

J. J. Rochford
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R. W. Bates
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
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Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

In Mr. Sammons' absence I wish to thank you for your letter of September 30th and the enclosure.

I have alerted the Editors of "Who's Who in America" in connection with Rear Admiral Henry E. Eccles to whom you so thoughtfully direct our attention.

With every good wish, I am

Yours very truly,

Maureen Philbin
Maureen Philbin
Service Dept.

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